

AMENDMENT

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A pallet comprising:

a deck having an upper surface for supporting a plurality of goods, the upper surface at least substantially bounded outwardly by side edges, end edges and corner edges between the side edges and end edges, wherein a perimeter of the upper surface defines a maximum perimeter of the pallet;

a plurality of supports extending downward from the deck, wherein the deck includes a plurality of openings into the plurality of supports such that the plurality of supports on a similar pallet would be nestable within the openings and the supports; and

at least one projection extending outwardly from at least one of the corner edges beyond the maximum perimeter of the pallet, wherein the at least one projection is not continuous about a periphery of the deck.

2. (ORIGINAL) The pallet of claim 1 wherein the deck includes an upper deck section having an upper panel with a plurality of openings, and wherein the deck includes a lower deck section having a lower panel from which extend the plurality of supports, each of the openings aligned with one of the plurality of supports.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The pallet of claim 1 wherein the corner edges are rounded and wherein the at least one projection projects outwardly from the at least one rounded corner edge.

4. (CANCELLED).

5. (ORIGINAL) The pallet of claim 1 wherein the at least one projection includes an upper surface that is at least substantially flush with the upper surface of the deck.

6. (ORIGINAL) The pallet of claim 1 further including a plurality of goods on the upper surface and further including a wrap wrapped over the plurality of goods and at least partially around the at least one edge adjacent the at least one projection.

7. (CANCELLED).

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A pallet comprising:

a deck having an upper panel having an upper surface for supporting a plurality of goods, the upper surface at least substantially bounded outwardly by side edges, end edges and corner edges between the side edges and end edges;

a plurality of supports extending downward from the deck, wherein the deck includes a plurality of openings into the plurality of supports such that the plurality of supports on a similar pallet would be nestable within the openings and the supports; and

at least one projection projecting outwardly from each of the corner edges, the at least one projection formed integrally with the upper panel, wherein the at least one projection is not continuous about a periphery of the deck.

9. (ORIGINAL) The pallet of claim 8 wherein the corner edges are rounded between the side edges and the end edges.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The pallet of claim 9 wherein the at least one projection ~~does not~~ extend_s outwardly past the side edges or past the end edges.

11. (ORIGINAL) The pallet of claim 10 wherein an upper surface of the at least one projection is at least substantially flush with the upper surface of the deck.

12. (ORIGINAL) The pallet of claim 11 wherein an upper surface of the at least one projection is flush with the upper surface of the deck.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A pallet comprising:

a deck having an upper surface for supporting a plurality of goods, the upper surface bounded by a circumferential edge that defines a maximum perimeter of the pallet;

a plurality of supports extending downward from the deck, a plurality of openings through the upper surface aligned with and extending into the plurality of supports, such that the plurality of supports are nestable into the openings in a similar pallet; and

at least one projection extending outwardly from the circumferential edge beyond the maximum perimeter of the pallet.

14. (ORIGINAL) The pallet of claim 13 wherein the at least one projection includes a plurality of projections.

15. (ORIGINAL) The pallet of claim 14 further including a plurality of goods on the upper surface and further including a wrap wrapped over the plurality of goods and at least partially around at least one of the supports between the plurality of projections.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The pallet of claim 13 wherein the at least one projection projects outwardly from a corner edge of the deck, the at least one projection projecting outwardly in a plane generally parallel to the upper surface of the deck.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The pallet of claim 16 wherein the at least one projection is one of a plurality of projections and the corner edge is one of a plurality of rounded corner edges, each projection projecting from one of the plurality of rounded corner edges of the deck.

18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The pallet of claim 17 wherein each of the rounded corner edges includes a continuous radius, the associated projection representing a portion of increased radius.

19. (NEW) The pallet of claim 1 wherein the at least one projection extends horizontally outward from the maximum perimeter of the pallet.

20. (NEW) The pallet of claim 8 wherein the at least one projection is flush with the upper surface of the upper panel.

21. (NEW) The pallet of claim 8 further including a lower deck section integrally molded with the plurality of supports, the upper panel connected to the lower deck section by a plurality of ribs.